

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

In re:

FRANCHISE GROUP, INC., *et al.*,¹

Debtors.

Chapter 11

Case No. 24-12480 (JTD)

(Jointly Administered)

Hearing Date: January 15, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. (ET)
Objection Deadline: January 8, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. (ET)

**NOTICE OF HEARING ON APPLICATION OF THE OFFICIAL
COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED CREDITORS FOR AUTHORIZATION
TO EMPLOY AND RETAIN PACHULSKI STANG ZIEHL & JONES LLP
AS COUNSEL TO THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED
CREDITORS EFFECTIVE AS OF NOVEMBER 21, 2024**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the “Committee”) in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases (the “Chapter 11 Cases”) hereby files the foregoing *Application of the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors for Authorization to Employ and Retain Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP as Counsel to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors Effective as of November 21, 2024* (the “Application”).

¹ The Debtors in these Chapter 11 Cases, along with the last four digits of their U.S. federal tax identification numbers, to the extent applicable, are Franchise Group, Inc. (1876), Freedom VCM Holdings, LLC (1225), Freedom VCM Interco Holdings, Inc. (2436), Freedom Receivables II, LLC (4066), Freedom VCM Receivables, Inc. (0028), Freedom VCM Interco, Inc. (3661), Freedom VCM, Inc. (3091), Franchise Group New Holdco, LLC (0444), American Freight FFO, LLC (5743), Franchise Group Acquisition TM, LLC (3068), Franchise Group Intermediate Holdco, LLC (1587), Franchise Group Intermediate L, LLC (9486), Franchise Group Newco Intermediate AF, LLC (8288), American Freight Group, LLC (2066), American Freight Holdings, LLC (8271), American Freight, LLC (5940), American Freight Management Company, LLC (1215), Franchise Group Intermediate S, LLC (5408), Franchise Group Newco S, LLC (1814), American Freight Franchising, LLC (1353), Home & Appliance Outlet, LLC (n/a), American Freight Outlet Stores, LLC (9573), American Freight Franchisor, LLC (2123), Franchise Group Intermediate B, LLC (7836), Buddy’s Newco, LLC (5404), Buddy’s Franchising and Licensing LLC (9968), Franchise Group Intermediate V, LLC (5958), Franchise Group Newco V, LLC (9746), Franchise Group Intermediate BHF, LLC (8260); Franchise Group Newco BHF, LLC (4123); Valor Acquisition, LLC (3490), Vitamin Shoppe Industries LLC (3785), Vitamin Shoppe Global, LLC (1168), Vitamin Shoppe Mariner, LLC (6298), Vitamin Shoppe Procurement Services, LLC (8021), Vitamin Shoppe Franchising, LLC (8271), Vitamin Shoppe Florida, LLC (6590), Betancourt Sports Nutrition, LLC (0470), Franchise Group Intermediate PSP, LLC (5965), Franchise Group Newco PSP, LLC (2323), PSP Midco, LLC (6507), Pet Supplies “Plus”, LLC (5852), PSP Group, LLC (5944), PSP Service Newco, LLC (6414), WNW Franchising, LLC (9398), WNW Stores, LLC (n/a), PSP Stores, LLC (9049), PSP Franchising, LLC (4978), PSP Subco, LLC (6489), PSP Distribution, LLC (5242), Franchise Group Intermediate SL, LLC (2695), Franchise Group Newco SL, LLC (7697), and Educate, Inc. (5722). The Debtors’ headquarters is located at 109 Innovation Court, Suite J, Delaware, Ohio 43015.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that any response or objection to the entry of an order with respect to the relief sought in the Application must be filed with this Court on or before **January 8, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time)**. At the same time, the response or objection must be served on the below proposed counsel for the Committee.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if you fail to respond in accordance with this notice, the court may grant the relief requested in the Application without further notice or hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a hearing to consider the relief sought in the Application has been scheduled for **January 15, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. (prevailing Eastern Time)** before the Honorable John T. Dorsey, Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge, at the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, 824 North Market Street, 5th Floor, Courtroom No. 5, Wilmington, Delaware 19801.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if no objections are filed to the Application, the proposed order attached to the Application may be entered without further notice or hearing.

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Dated: December 20, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

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